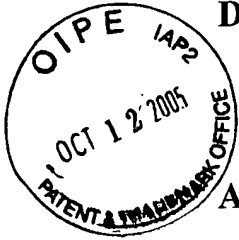


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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicant respectfully requests that the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449, be made of record and considered in connection with the examination of this application.

Copies of the listed documents are enclosed. A translation of the foreign language document(s) is not readily available.

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The documents submitted herewith were cited in a preamble of the above-referenced application and during prosecution of the German application corresponding to the above-referenced application.

DE 693 11 897 T2 discloses a load sensor including a resilient U-shaped wire element 11 anchored at 14, bearing at 15 against an abutment 9, and having its free end 17 co-operating with a scale 19, to register the load applied to the bolt 1, the load causing extension of the bolt 1. The sensor element 11 has the same thermal expansion as the bolt. The anchored end 14 may be fixed directly to the bolt head by being wound into a coil, and the scale is on a disc. The sensor element and the scale may be incorporated into an electrical circuit to produce a visual or audible warning, and to control a tightening tool.

European Patent EP 0 910 50 B1 (corresponds to German Publication DE 697 11 184 T2 cited by the German Patent Office) discloses a method and an apparatus for indicating a load.

German Publication DE 31 48 730 A1 discloses a load measuring device formed of two discs (3,4) and a flexible intermediate member (9) and which is mounted between a nut (5) and a machine part (7). A plurality of different balls (10,11) is embedded in the intermediate member (9). Upon application of a


torque to the nut (5), the balls are displaced within the intermediate member, changing its diameter, which represents a measure of applied force.

German Utility Model DE 78 21 489U1 discloses a load indicating washer in which for a better sidewise release of the inserted material (10), there are provided outlet channels (7) extending up to the outer circumference (8) of the washer.

It is noted that U.S. Patents 3,948,141 and 6,425,718 has been cited by the Examiner.

A check in the amount of \$180 for covering the fee under 37 C.F.P. § 1.17 (p) is enclosed.

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